states for meeting the entire requirement of foodgrains of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain cereal producing state have also diverted to cash crop;

(c) whether it is a fact that area under wheat cultivation has gone down in the country, if so. stept being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-CHANDRAN): (a) Wheat production is concentrated in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar. Whereas in the case of Paddy, Andhra Pradesh. Haryana. Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bangal *account* for the bulk of production.

(b) There is some diversion of area at margin from cereal crops to cash crops like oilseeds, cotton, coconut. sugarcane in certain States.

(c) There has not been any signifi cant decline in the area under wheat cultivation at all-'India level.

Be vamping of Dairy Development

3276. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: WiU the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the study conducted in Saurashtra on the cost of milk production and its sal_e price indicating that the landless farmers make a marginal profit of only 5 percent as agairst about 10 per cent by the large dairy farmers as reported in the Indian Dairymen of June, 1992.

(b) whether Government are also aware that similar or worst dismal picture exists throughout the country in spite of operation floods and foreign aids, loans and grants which have been poured especially in Gujarat Cooperatives; and

(c) whether Government propose to revamp the entire dairy development work and entrust this to states as dairying is a State subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The study "Cost and Returns of Buffalo Milk Production in KajKnt District of Saurashtra" as reported in the June, 1992 issue of "Indian Dairyman" suffers from limitations in methodology and small size of samples. A recent study of Operation Flood milksheds conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research, which provides data on economics of milk production, shows a significant return to the household.

(c) Dairy Development projects are already being implemented by the respective State Governments/state dairy co-operatives.

Per capita availability of cereals and pulses

3277. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE b_e pleased t° state:

(a) what is the annual rate of increase in the per capita availability of (a) cereals and (b) $pulse_s$ during 1950—60, 1960—70, 1970—80 and 1980—SO;

(b) what are the reasons for the low availability of cereals and pulses; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the availability of these $item_s$ to the masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA. CHANDRAN): "(a) During the four

decades, the rate of increase/decrease in the per capita net availability of cereals and pulses is worked out as under:

Decade	Annual rate of increase (per cent)	
	Cereals	Pulses
1951—60	(+)1.8	(+)1.6
1961—70	(+)0.3	(—)1.3
1971—80	(—)0.8	(—)4.3
1981—90	(+)0.6	(+)1.6

(b) and (c) The availability of cereals and pulse, depends on the levels of production, stocks, avail ability of substitutes, etc. from time to time. The Government have been taking various programmes to in crease production and availability of cereals and pulses. These include Integrated Programme for Bice De velopment <IPRD), Special Food-grains Production Programme (SFPP-Wheat), Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP-Maize and Millets), National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) and Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP-Pulses).

गुजरात में सहकारी भाण्डागारण परियोजनाएं

3278. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात में यूरोपीय आर्थिक समुदाय की सहायता से चलाई जा रही सहकारी भण्डागारण परियोजनाओं के लिए नियत किए गए लक्ष्यों को पूरा नहीं किया गया था ;

(ख) गुजरात के किन-किन जिलों में इन परियोजनाओं को पूरा कर लिया गया था ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में प्रतिवर्ष क्या लक्ष्य रखा गया था और वर्ष-वार उपलब्धि क्या रही ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रम) : (क) गुजरात में सहकारी समितियों द्वारा गोदामों का निर्माण किए जाने के लिए यूरोपीय आर्थिक समुदाय की सहायता वाली कोई परियोजना नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Expansion of milk processing: industries

3279. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a considerable scope for milk processing industrial to expand both for exports and for Talue added returns to the producers for home consumption;

(b) whether Government have seen reports (E.T. llth July,1992) which estimate that about 10 per cent of national daily milk production goes to organised sector which has a through put capacity of 16 million litres per day;

(c) whether the organised sector largely converts milk into milk products for heavy return;

(d) whether it is a fact that this sector keeps manufacturing of milk products even in Itean season creating milk (liquid) shortage;